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County Young Man Reviews Record Of The USS Sangamon

First Class Seaman Rudolph Hopkins Is Undergoing Hospital Treatment

As a member of the crew of the escort carrier, USS Sangamon, Seaman 1/c Rudolph Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hopkins of Everetts, recently reviewed the record of the ship and its near-death blow received in the Pacific fight last May 4. His story, submitted with pictures showing the terrible wreckage exacted by a Jap suicide pilot, follows:

"After a career of combat which stretches solidly from North Africa to Okinawa, the USS Sangamon finally had to return home heavily damaged by the enemy.

"For the Sangamon it was the first serious damage in a combat career which began with the liberation of North Africa and took the ship to Tarawa, the Marshalls, the Philippines, New Guinea, the Philippines and the Ryukus. Save only for Lingayen Gulf and Iwo Jima, her battle log is the record of American progress from the Central and South Pacific to the shores of Japan.

"When she was damaged, which was immediately after she had been helping to destroy the Japanese air force in the southern Ryukus, she was hit by a two-engine Japanese bomber, which crashed on the Sangamon's broad flight deck off Kerama Retto, near Okinawa, at 7:33 p. m., on May 4, 1945.

"Twelve Japanese planes started out on the suicide party which had the Sangamon as its target. To a man, the crew of the Sangamon knew there was trouble in the sky that night, for the sky was carpeted with low grey and black clouds, interlaced to the west with brilliant, confusing colors—a perfect skyscape for the work of the kamikaze pilot, who liked to hide as he goes about his job.

"Nine of those twelve planes fell victim to Marine F4U Corsairs as the enemy headed for Kerama Retto. A tenth Jap fled. An eleventh Jap, flying a single-engine fighter, tried to be a kamikaze but was shot down by ship's gunfire. The twelfth plane, the two-engine bomber, escaped that gunfire by plunging into a black cloud astern of the ship.

Waiting tensely at their guns, members of the Sangamon crew knew that their enemy would return, and he did. Already in his death dive and traveling nearly 400 miles an hour, he plummeted out of the dense black cloud into the last rays of the sunset. As the Sangamon and the USS Fulham, an escorting destroyer took him under fire with all guns, he leveled out slightly, nosed over again in a shallow dive, took hits, burst into flames about 600 yards from the carrier, dropped a bomb and crashed simultaneously into the center of the flight deck.

"For five hours the Sangamon burned, and for five hours the crew fought and finally whipped the fire. They fought without communications, sometimes without control of the ship and sometimes without water pressure. They fought and won, despite the fact that the fire divided the ship in two, making it impossible for those in the forward position to reach those on the after part.

"The ship was saved in the words of Lieutenant Lloyd R. Sorenson, USNR, by the individual efforts of unnumbered and for the most part unnamed little people who dug a greatness up from the depths of themselves somehow, and did what had to be done, and did it effectively—that is what saved the ship."

"It was sheer intestinal fortitude that put out those savage flames," said Captain A. I. Malstrom. "Never did a group of men show more courage and initiative in the face of overwhelming odds," Hopkins was quoted.

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Report Busy Time Around Courthouse

October was a busy period for local and county officers in and around the Martin County courthouse.

According to information gained from a review of the monthly reports, sixty-eight persons were arrested and jailed during the past month. This number does not include about one hundred persons who were either arrested and gave bond or who were cited to appear in court to answer civil complaints. The office of the sheriff served 76 papers, about half of them being civil. Fees for handling the service amount to \$163.50.

The county court was busy collecting \$1,645.00 in fines, not to mention \$1,115.95 collected as costs.

Quite a few investigations were made by the officers.

Big Real Estate And Timber Deals Recorded In The County

Several deeds, involving the largest real estate and timber deals reported in this county in quite some time, were filed in the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger a few days ago. The exact amounts could not be learned, but one of the deals involved a purchase price of more than \$630,234, and it is believed that the combined transactions represent a price exceeding possibly three-quarters of a million dollars.

Granted by quite a few persons, operating the Foreman-Blades Company, the deeds were issued to the Foreman - Derrickson Corporation, and it is understood that the holdings have since changed hands. The documents showing a more recent sale have not been received by the register of deeds office in this county.

The largest tract covered by the deeds filed a few days ago is known as the Simmons-Grandy swamp on Roanoke River. The purchase price for the approximately 5,082 acres was listed in the deed at \$630,234.30, and the deed carried document or revenue stamps in the amount of \$693.55.

In addition to the sale of the Simmons-Grandy, timber options and possibly real estate sales were covered in other papers. No amounts listed, but judging from the amount of the revenue stamps on the papers, at least \$90,000 was involved in the sales. Grantors included W. W. Griffin, T. B. Slade and others.

No such large tracts of timber lands are to be found on the county tax books, indicating that the deeds covered several combined pieces of land.

TOBACCO SALES

Tobacco sales on the local market are dwindling rapidly, and it is fairly certain that the season will close within a week or ten days. Yesterday, the market sold 15,430 pounds, the smallest amount handled on any day this season. Up until this morning the market had sold 11,128,470 pounds for an average of about \$44.25 per hundred.

No definite closing date has been fixed for the market, but according to one official report proprietors of two of the houses plan to close on Thursday of next week.

Oil Dealers Attend Meeting Wednesday

Discussing the reconversion period, R. R. Gentry, North Carolina representative for the Texas Oil Company, declared that a great boom is in store for this country during the next five years. Addressing nearly 100 Texas oil dealers gathered in the Woman's Club hall as guests of the Harrison Oil Company, Mr. Gentry reviewed the big demand backlog and declared that the oil dealer had a vital part in the reconversion program. "Millions of cars are to be built. Highway construction will run into big figures, and several million homes are needed," he explained, adding that billions in savings were ready to enter the markets.

After outlining a business program for station operators, Mr. Gentry outlined his company's program for the reconversion period, declaring that his company is making and will have available soon new and improved products—"the finest ever made."

The guests including district representatives from Virginia and Greensboro, were served a turkey supper.

Held annually by the Harrison Oil Company until the war broke out, the supper last Wednesday evening was the first scheduled by the local firm in four years.

Local Man Named To General Bank Board

George H. Harrison, local man, was recently elected to the general board of directors of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, it was announced by the institution's home office in Greenville today. Mr. Harrison is the second county man elected a director of the general board, R. L. Smith, of Robersonville, having served in that capacity for some time.

The local board of directors is composed of J. D. Woolard, chairman; W. O. Griffin, R. L. Coburn, L. P. Lindsey, J. E. King, C. B. Roebuck and G. H. Harrison.

The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company now has resources in the amount of \$37,000,000.00, the figure being the highest in the history of the institution.

NO GENERAL HOLIDAY

Falling on Sunday, the 27th Armistice Day will be celebrated in a limited way here next Monday, November 12, but there will be no general holiday. The banks, post office, state and federal offices and a few other places of business will close Monday, but general business, including the tobacco market, will continue operations as usual, it was learned today.

No formal celebration has been planned, but the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion is preparing a big supper for World War I and II veterans and visiting servicemen Monday night in the legion hut. No program has been announced and there'll be no parade. Old Glory will fly on the streets Monday.

Twenty-One County Colored Men Called For Pre-induction

Most Of Them Are Farmers; Only One Father Included In Latest Group

Twenty-one Martin County colored men were called last Tuesday to report to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations under the Selective Service Act. Nineteen answered the call which was the largest received by the draft board in this county in recent weeks. One of the two failing to answer the call was transferred, and no report on the other one has been received by the draft board.

Only one married man and father was listed in the group, and fourteen of the twenty-one men called came from the farm. The ages of the men ranged from 18 to 24 years, about half of them being in their teens.

Names, registrations and last-known addresses of the men called this week follow:

William Morris Moore, Robersonville and Baltimore. Moore failed to answer.

Anthony Moses, RFD 2, Williamston and Brooklyn. The selectee was transferred to Brooklyn where he is to report to the draft board for the pre-induction test.

James Andrews Wynn, RFD 3, Robersonville and RFD 3, Williamston.

James Hudgins, RFD 3, Williamston.

Baker Jethro Burnett, RFD 1, Oak City.

Dallas Bryant Evans, RFD 2, Williamston.

James Henry Williams, Hamilton. Elijah Biggs, RFD 1, Jamesville. Samuel Thurman Council, Oak City.

Charlie B. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston.

Arber Lee Fields, RFD 1, Palmyra. Benjamin Edwards, Williamston. Peter Alonza Prelinus Godard, RFD, Washington.

William Turner Highsmith, Everetts.

Cornelius Mooring, RFD 1, Hobgood.

Charlie James Bell, RFD 1, Williamston.

Walter Brown, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston.

Claude Woolard, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston.

Jesse Taylor Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Ben Biggs, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston (Continued on page four)

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fifteen Cases In County's Court

Docket Last Monday Smallest Handled By Court In Recent Weeks

Judge J. Calvin Smith called fifteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. The docket was one of the smallest handled by the court in recent weeks, and instead of remaining in session all day, the officers completed their work and were out and gone before the noon hour. The session attracted a fairly large crowd and, for a change, there were more white than colored spectators present.

Proceedings: Charged with assaulting a female, Berry Wynne was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the sentence for two years upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs. The defendant was placed on probation for two years and is not to get intoxicated or have intoxicating liquors or a liquor ration book in his possession during that time.

The case charging J. J. Cogdell with bastardy was called for further judgment, the court continuing until the first Monday in March. The defendant is to pay \$10 a month to the welfare department for the support of his child.

A continuance was granted until the first Monday in December in the case charging Lollie Bryant Williams with non-support.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine and the costs in the case charging Leo Thompson with speeding.

Carlton Ray Skinner, pleading guilty of speeding, was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with assaulting a female, J. Robert Moore (colored) was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is not to violate any criminal law during the eighteen months period of suspension.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Annie Bell Johnson explained to the court that she had paid for the damage done to property and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

John M. Little, charged with receiving stolen property, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Calvin Bullock pleaded guilty and Earl Bellflower pleaded not guilty. Bullock was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending all but the first thirty days of the sentence upon the payment of a \$20 fine and one-half the costs and \$20 to Roosevelt Jenkins for tires. The defendant is to violate no law during the next year and he was allowed to wait until early December to start serving his sentence. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required. Bellflower, adjudged guilty of aiding and abetting larceny, was fined \$25 and required to pay one-half the costs.

The case charging Lloyd Ayers with an assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed with leave.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly, (Continued on page four)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

"TAKE IT EASY"



it only takes A HOLE IN ONE!

Three more accidents were added to the record figures last week, but none of them was serious. It isn't reasonable, however, for the number of accidents to climb in leaps and bounds without breaking into the fatal or injured columns, sooner or later.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Forty-Fourth Week			
Accidents Injured Killed Dam'ge	1945	1944	1943
3	0	0	210
1	0	1	200
Comparisons To Date			
62	36	6	12,085
58	36	6	10,000

About Half Of United Fund Raised In County

Renewed Appeal Is Directed To County People For Support

GETS AWARDS

Donations In Hand But Not Yet Reported Expected To Boost Total

According to the latest available report, just about one-half of the \$13,232.96 United War Fund quota assigned this county has been raised, and renewed appeals are going out, urging every Martin County citizen to rally behind the drive in its last days and help salvage the worthy cause and head off a rotten record that can plague the people back home for generations to come.

Sick at his home, possibly as a result of the feeble showing made to date, Chairman Clarence W. Griffin could not be reached for a detailed report today, but in the sincere hope that the people of this county will come together in support of the drive in its last days, he suggested that the names of the canvassers be listed with the view that those who have already contributed will donate more and that others who were not contacted will turn sizable donations over to their nearest canvasser. The entire list of canvassers could not be had for all the county in time for publication today, but possibly the names can be had by early next week. During the meantime, contributions may be mailed to H. A. Bowen, United War Fund Treasurer, Williamston, and they will be credited to the proper district.

Since the last report was made, several canvassers have submitted their lists, boosting the total collected and actually turned in time to be added late yesterday to \$5,057.17.

Several of the colored schools in the county have made splendid records, but outside the schools the reports are almost tragic, they are so small.

In addition to Dardens, Biggs reported \$86.85. Woolard \$50.15; Smithwick's, \$50. and Poplar Point, \$30. These reports will stand up with those from anywhere in the county, and those in charge of the canvass and the contributors are to be congratulated.

The incomplete report shows the quota and amounts raised in several districts:

Jamesville	\$ 800	\$ 314.00
Griffins	550	393.25
Bear Grass	550	307.70
Williamston	6,282	3,261.63
Cross Roads	450	280.00
Poplar Point	175	107.05
Colored citizens	1,000	393.54
		\$5,057.17

No reports have been received from Robersonville, Hassell, Hamilton or Goose Nest. All of the canvassers in Williamston have not yet reported. It is believed that the delayed reports will show as of the present time just about \$7,000.

The drive is being extended in the hope that the good and thoughtful people of Martin County will rally behind the drive and help put it across, or certainly push it nearer the goal, which, after all, is small measured against the ability to contribute.

Martin County's record to date has already attracted attention in high state official circles, and the following telegram addressed to the county publicity chairman came in yesterday from Governor R. Gregg Cherry:

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Three Liquor Stills Wrecked In County

Raiding in two townships this week, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, wrecked three liquor plants and poured out about two hundred gallons of molasses beer.

A copper still of 100-gallon capacity was taken in Bear Grass Township Tuesday and four fermenters were wrecked. The still apparently had not been in use during recent weeks. That afternoon the officers went to Great Swamp in Robersonville Township and wrecked a complete manufacturing unit, including a 50-gallon capacity oil drum still and poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer.

Returning to Bear Grass Wednesday, the officers found and destroyed a cheap plant equipped with a 20-gallon capacity tin still. They poured out about 100 gallons of molasses beer.

School Houses In County Are Valued At \$663,054

The thirty-nine school houses in this county are valued at \$663,054. The fifteen white school houses have a value of \$478,140 and the 24 colored school buildings are worth \$184,914.

Historical Review Of The Old Hickory Division In Europe

Several Martin County Young Men Served In Battles With The Thirtieth



(The story below reviews the glorious part the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division had in winning World War II. Since several Martin County boys were in the Division, the record most certainly will be read with interest in this county.)

The first of the installments follows:

War heroes don't wear big signs to advertise their deeds. A chest full of ribbons can't begin to tell the true story of gallant sacrifice made by the U. S. fighting men. When the red and blue oval patch of the 30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Division, however, is seen flashing on a khaki-clad shoulder, there you can be sure it is one of the men of distinguished valor in the terrible struggle ended in Europe.

Had military security permitted, the name Old Hickory would have been among the foremost in the history-making headlines during the months in which Hitler's legions were being beaten. The bold black arrows on the war maps, showing the course and breath-taking progress of our men, had not operations frequently been cloaked in great secrecy, would have almost daily carried the number of the gallant "30th". Old Hickory, the Division born of men from North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, is a sterling monument to the finest traditions of the Southland.

From June 15, 1944JD-Day plus 9—when the well-trained men of the yet untried Division landed on Omaha Beach of the Normandy peninsula, to V-E Day, when they met the Russian forces on the Elbe River, many new honors were heaped daily by the men of the Old Hickory Division on the heritage left by their fathers in World War I. Their courage, determination and valiant spirit throughout five major campaigns, which brought over 9,000 high military decorations is a record to be studied with pride.

The Division's enviable record began in World War I when it participated in three victorious Allied drives in France—the Ypres-Lys and Sommes offensives and the smashing of the Hindenburg line when its members returned to the United States for demobilization in May, 1919, they had earned more than half of the British decorations given to American troops and 12 of the 78 Medals of Honor awarded by the Congress of the United States.

With this background of effectiveness in combat, the 30th retained its identity as a National Guard unit during the peace years and was recalled into federal service September 16, 1940 at Fort Jackson, S. C., where it has recently returned after its triumphs in the ETO. As activated for World War I at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., in July, 1917, the roots of the Division again reached into the soil and hills of the South. Following preliminary training at Fort Jackson, the Division participated in the 1st and 2nd Army maneuvers from June to November, 1941, the largest peace-time maneuvers ever held in the United States.

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Substantial Fines Imposed By Mayor

Handling eight cases in recent days, Justice John L. Hassell imposed several fairly substantial fines, and it is quite certain his court will set a new record for producing revenue for the school fund.

Charged with disorderly conduct, J. T. Perry was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs.

Elmer Griffin and Russell Thompson were each required to pay \$6.50 costs for engaging in an affray.

Operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Noah Daniel Frazer was fined \$10 and taxed with \$7 costs.

J. T. Farmer was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Lester Speller was fined \$10 and taxed with \$9 costs.

Drunk and disorderly, L. G. Modlin was fined \$10 and required to pay \$10.50 costs. Moses Williams was also fined \$10 and taxed with \$10.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty, Ernest Lanier was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$200.

Native Of County Dies In Norfolk

Mrs. Nolie Baker Rawls, native of this county, died at the home of her son, William J. Rawls, in Norfolk, last Monday night following an illness of two weeks' duration.

The daughter of the late William and Theresa Gurganus Baker, she was born in Bear Grass Township on September 23, 1883, and spent most of her life in this county. Following the death of her husband, Minton Rawls, who was killed in an accident, the family moved to Bertie County in 1939, later locating in Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Webb, of near Windsor, and interment was in the Mizelle family cemetery in Bear Grass, this county. The Rev. Mr. Hollowell, Baptist minister of Bertie County, conducted the last rites. Mrs. Rawls was a member of the Presbyterian church at Robersonville.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Webb of near Windsor and Mrs. Temple Taylor of Norfolk; five sons, Elbert, W. J., Willie, Clyde and John Rawls, all of Norfolk; and 21 grandchildren.

Jury Men Are Drawn For December Court

Twenty-four Martin County men were drawn for jury service during the December term of the superior court by the county commissioners in their regular November meeting held recently.

The term, scheduled for one week for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, seldom lasts over a day or two. Few civil cases are booked for trial during the short term.

Names of the jury men and their respective townships follow:

Jamesville: Geo. D. Hardison.

Williamston: A. W. Hardison and John T. Heath.

Griffins: Simon D. Roberson, J. Arthur Corey, Julius M. Manning, R. Dewey Perry John Edwin Manning and W. G. Hardison.

Bear Grass: W. R. Roebuck, E. C. Harrison and Jos. T. Phelps.

Williamston: V. J. Spivey, Herman A. Bowen, C. H. Godwin, Jr., Frank F. Carstarphen, Clyde Roberson, W. H. Williams, Jr.

Cross Roads: Hugh Leggett.

Robersonville: J. M. Dixon and Claude E. Smith.

Hamilton: G. C. Hopewell and K. B. Etheridge.

Goose Nest: J. R. Rawls.

Girl Scouts Hold Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting Here

The Cardinal and Eagle Girl Scout Patrols held their regular bi-monthly meeting Wednesday of this week. The session was held on the lawn of the high school building.

After handling all business, the patrols played a game of softball, the Cardinal Patrol winning 21 to 16.

We were then dismissed.—Louise Corey, Scribe.

TIRE QUOTA

Martin County has been allotted 350 tires—327 for passenger cars and 23 for trucks—for rationing during the current month, it was announced this week by the War Price and Rationing Board. The truck tire quota is about 30 percent below the October allotment, and the passenger car allotment was reduced by ten percent.

Even with the smaller quotas in effect, there is much doubt if dealers will be able to meet the demand.